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Joseph A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor,	\$48	00
Jesse W. Peabody, " "	53	00
Samuel A. Fletcher, " "	20	00
O. L. Carleton, as Treasurer.....	25	00
Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk.....	8	00
J. A. Batchelder, recording marriages, births, and deaths.....	18	20
Simon F. Esty, as Collector.....	44	50
J. Hovey Eaton, as Constable.....	15	00
J. A. Batchelder, auditing accounts in 1879 and 1880,	14	00
Jesse W. Peabody " " " "	14	00
Samuel Peabody " " " "	6	00
Martin J. Cheney, as School Committee.....	35	00
Ansel P. Tyler, " "	18	00
H. A. Stiles, " "	25	00
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	\$343	70

Ward 1.	A. W. Peabody, Surveyor.	Appropriation	\$100	00
2.	B. T. McGlaufflin,	"	"	134 00
3.	Levi F. Atwood,	"	"	54 00
4.	Alexander Murry,	"	"	55 00
5.	Farnham Stiles,	"	"	50 60
6.	Asa Howe,	"	"	65 00
7.	Henry F. White,	"	"	70 00
8.	Lyman S. Wilkins,	"	"	102 50
9.	Samuel M. Peabody,	"	"	59 00
10.	Sylvanus Flint,	"	"	60 00

J. B. Thomas & Co., lumber for bridge.....	18 40
Calvin Putnam, " " "	74 54
Amos Pratt, repairing bridge.....	121 23
M. J. Emerson, labor on bridge.....	10 40
I. B. Peabody, " "	14 40
Frank Esty, " "	10 00
H. Beverly, " "	16 00
Jesse W. Peabody, " " and cash paid.....	10 25
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, spikes for bridge.....	3 08
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	\$1,028 40

SNOW BILLS.

Lyman S. Willkins' bill.....	\$108 30
Alexander Murry "	10 50
L. F. Atwood "	26 50
B. W. Peabody "	15 60
Edwin L. Peabody "	11 80
Porter I. Gould " in 1879.....	3 00
Geo. P. Wilkins " "	2 00
Farnham Stiles "	14 00
A. W. Peabody "	19 55
H. F. White "	26 30
B. T. McGlauflin "	53 00
Asa Howe "	8 00
Samuel M. Peabody "	8 20
John Gage "	1 50
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	\$308 25

TOWN HALL.

Charles A. Phelps, care of Hall.....	\$70 00
Augustus Shepard, " " 1880.....	8 75
" " supplies for "	1 85
H. A. Wilkins & Son " "	25 10
Jeremiah Fuller, wood "	6 24
A. E. Berry, sawing wood "	1 50
Due for coal, "	39 00
Balance in favor of Town.....	49 81
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	\$202 25

By cash of Charles A. Phelps, use of Town Hall	170	00
“ “ Augustus Shepard “ “ “ 1880	28	75
Due for use of Town Hall	3	50
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	\$202	25

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Orders drawn from Feb. 1, 1880 to Feb. 1, 1881	\$290	50
Amount paid to Indigent Soldiers under Chap. 252, Acts of 1879, as follows:		
Hiram Berry	81	00
David B. Peabody	12	00
William W. Peabody	54	58
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	\$438	08

MISCELLANEOUS.

William H. Johnson, care of Cemetery and returning deaths	\$10	00
William H. Johnson, labor on Cemetery	2	00
Thomas Carlin “ “	50	00
J. Hovey Eaton, services as Fish Warden	5	00
Cyrus K. Wilkins, expressage	2	80
M. J. Emerson, labor on fish ways	2	50
William H. Johnson, straps and staples for hearse	1	00
Danvers Water Board, water rates at Cemetery	3	00
Farnham Stiles, care of weights and measures	1	50
Danvers Water Board, pipe, labor and teaming	6	70
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, books	70	
Little, Brown & Co., Herrick's Town Officer	2	50
Goodell & Batchelder, printing town reports	19	00
E. A. Mitchell, labor on Town Hall	1	00
Simon F. Esty, discount on taxes paid before Nov. 1,	245	22
Salem Water Board, pipe for drinking trough	35	34
Danvers Water Board, labor and material for drinking trough	55	64
A. P. Tyler, labor and teaming for drinking trough	9	00
Charles F. Curwen, material “ “	4	19
E. A. Mitchell, painting “ “	1	00
Eastern R. R. transportation of hydrant	2	10

D. J. Harrigan, material for water pipe at cemetery,	3 86
Jesse W. Peabody, perambulating lines.....	5 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, " "	5 00
William H. Hutchinson, gravel and grading around drinking trough.....	6 00
Jesse W. Peabody, tax collector's book.....	80
Joseph A. Batchelder, copying valuation list.....	6 00
Jesse W. Peabody, " " "	6 00
Cogswell's Express, book and expressage.....	95
Amount paid to firemen.....	33 00
Abatements.....	286 18
Interest	500 00
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	\$1,312 98

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

L. G. McIntire, teaching Grammar School.....	\$360 00
C. A. Berry, " Intermediate "	288 00
O. R. Graves, " Primary "	288 00
Jeremiah Fuller, wood.....	15 00
Justin B. Flint, sawing wood.....	1 50
W. W. Wilkins, services as Janitor.....	32 00
W. W. Wilkins, " " 1879.....	12 25
Willie W. Wilkins, sawing wood.....	5 50
Justin B. Flint, services as Janitor.....	16 00
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	\$1.018 25

NORTH SCHOOL.

E. F. Wilkins, teaching 36 weeks.....	\$288 00
Farnham Stiles, wood.....	13 81
H. A. Stiles, "	3 25
Asa Howe, "	4 50
A. H. Burgess "	6 00
A. H. Burgess, sawing wood.....	4 25
A. H. Burgess, care of fires.....	10 00
H. A. Stiles, sawing wood.....	75—\$330 56

EAST SCHOOL.

J. P. Wilkins, teaching 12 weeks.....	\$ 96 00
L. F. Abbott, " 24 "	192 00
A. P. Averill, wood.....	15 00
G. B. Killam, "	8 00
William Berry, "	5 30
Frank Noyes, care of fires.....	10 00
Frank Noyes, sawing wood.....	8 25—\$334 55
N. E. School Furnishing Co., music charts.....	9 00
Baker, Pratt & Co., set anatomical charts.....	14 40
O. D. Case & Co., set outline maps.....	20 00
Balance due the Schools.....	5 10
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	\$1,731 86

Balance due the Schools last year...\$	301 37
Town appropriation for Schools....	1,150 00
Amount rec'd from State School Fund,	217 45
Amount received from dog licenses..	63 04—\$1,731 86

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Maurice E. Tyler, supplies for schools.....	\$34 15
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, "	8 82
J. A. Burgess, Repairs on school house.....	2 50
W. A. Phelps, " " "	65
Isaac R. Gates, " " "	4 65
E. F. Wilkins, " " "	1 90
Robin Damon, school cards.....	6 00
Mrs. Lever, cleaning School House.....	15 00
J. F. Porter, cushions.....	2 00
J. L. Hammett, pocket register and bell.....	1 90
A. P. Tyler, blocks and expressage.....	1 99
George P. Wilkins, use of well, 1879 and 1880....	4 50
C. H. Richardson, " " 1878.....	2 50
D. M. Esty, " "	3 00
Sarah P. Batchelder, " "	5 00
Elijah Richardson, repairs on school house.....	1 25
M. J. Cheney, expressage on books and sup- plies for schools.....	5 18

John Gage, cleaning clock and repairs on school house.....	4 51
William A. Russell cleaning clock.....	4 00
E. A. Mitchell, painting black board.....	4 50
Goodell & Batchelder, printing school reports.....	12 50
Books supplied to scholars on exchange.....	28 30
Baker, Pratt & Co., supplies for schools.....	2 93
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	\$157 83

Overseers' Department.

M. E. Tyler, supplies for Pat Gillispie.....	\$105 83
A.W. Peabody, " " " "	36 61
A.W. Peabody, cash paid for wood for P. Gillispie,	8 25
Asa Howe, wood for Pat Gillispie.....	4 00
Peter Wait, coffin, robe and burial of Kate Gillispie,	21 00
P. M. Chase, medical attendance on " "	23 00
W. E. Knight, " " " G.W. Daniels and Kate Gillispie.....	29 00
Asa Howe, house rent for G. W. Daniels and Pat Gillispie.....	40 00
Sanger & Hood, coal for G.W. Daniels and Pat Gillispie.....	39 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies for G. W. Daniels.....	13 99
Pat Gillispie, watching with " " "	15 00
Wm. Johnson, burial of " " "	8 00
Geo. Gerry, watching with " " "	2 00
J. Donovan, " " " " "	2 00
C. S. Buflum, coffin and robe for G.W. Daniels.	15 00
A. W. Peabody, supplies " " " " ...	7 89
J. Fuller, wood " " " " ...	3 00
P. Donovan, journey to Danvers, " " " ...	1 25
P. M. Chase, medical attendance, " " " ...	10 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies, " " " ...	2 18
Mrs. Lever, washing and cleaning house, " ...	8 60
Town of Peabody, boarding Rhoda Daniels.....	87 80
Mrs. Stone, " " " "	7 00
Thomas Cummings, " Eben Saunders.....	30 00

W. E. Knight, medical attendance on E. Saunders,	8 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies for Mrs. Bird.....	4 00
W. H. Hutchinson, house rent for Mrs. Bird.....	36 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies for Mrs. McIntire.....	37 90
A. W. Peabody, " " " "	15 62
J. Fuller, wood " " " "	17 23
P. M. Chase, medical attendance, Mrs. McIntire..	9 25
E. O. Fowler, " " " " ..	16 50
Asa Howe, wood for " " ..	4 00
John W. Peabody, boarding Flint Estey.....	161 70
City of Salem, " H. Mansfield.....	32 50
City of Haverhill, " Frank Guilford.....	90 55
Essex County House, " Richard Green.....	13 70
Town of Danvers, supplies for Richard Tiernan...	148 96
M. E. Tyler, " " Dennis Wells.....	10 65
A. W. Peabody, " " " "	4 73
F. P. Merriam & Co., wood and coal for D. Wells,	4 11
Mrs. Stone, use of well four years.....	4 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for A. Gould.....	38 03
A. W. Peabody, supplies for tramp house.....	1 82
A. W. Peabody, cash paid for car fare, postage, and express.....	7 37
A. W. Peabody, services as Overseer and lock- ing up 58 tramps.....	15 80
Benj. Howe, services as Overseer; stove, horse hire and car fare.....	17 95
Wm. Russell, services as Overseer.....	5 00
Unsettled bills of this year.....	85 00

Due from North Reading.....\$ 140 00

Due from Billerica..... 38 00

Unsettled bills of last year paid..... 45 00

Whole cost of supporting the poor... 1,087 27

\$1,310 77 \$1,310 77

Summary of Expenses.

Town Officer's Bills.....	\$ 343 70
Highways and Bridges.....	1,028 46
Removing Snow.....	308 25
State aid Account.....	438 08
Miscellaneous.....	1,312 98
Appropriation for schools.....	1,430 49
Incidental School Expenses.....	157 83
Expense of Supporting the Poor.....	1,087 77
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	\$6,107 56

In accordance with a vote of the town, the Selectmen submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year :—

Current Expenses.....	\$2,000 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	500 00
Interest “ “ “	500 00
Schools	1,500 00
Highways	900 00
Bridges	100 00
Public Library.....	75 00
Cemetery.....	50 00
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	\$5,625 00

O. L. CARLETON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT CURRENT
WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEB. 22, 1881.

To balance in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1880.....	\$2,800 24
To cash of North Andover	14 17
North Reading	102 20
W. Eames, pedler's license.....	6 00
A. Shepard, use of Town Hall.....	20 00
Overseers, G. W. Daniel's effects ...	18 28
E. L. Lovejoy, pedler's license	6 00

State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	97 67
“ “ bank tax.....	5 61
“ “ corporation tax.....	75 62
“ “ bank tax	132 09
“ “ state aid	80 00
“ “ state aid	142 00
“ “ relief of indigent soldiers	54 00
“ “ relief of indigent soldiers	7 38
“ “ school fund.....	217 45
County Treasurer, dog tax refunded .	63 04
Billerica.....	38 00
Water Committee, water pipe sold...	8 20
M. E. Tyler, school books.....	106 39
M. J. Cheney, school books.....	11 23
A. P. Tyler, school books.....	5 00
Charles A. Phelps, use of Town Hall.	170 00
Augustus Shepard, use of Town Hall,	8 75
Different persons, for cemetery lots...	53 00
A. W. Peabody, on tax of 1877.....	125 00
D. E. Graves, on tax of 1878.....	434 90
Simon F. Esty, collector	6,110 49

\$10,912 71

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By cash paid on note.....	\$1,000 00
As interest on notes.....	500 00
State Treasurer, state tax.....	405 00
On Selectmen's and Overseer's orders,	5,958 25
Balance in Treasury.....	3,079 46

\$10,912 71

O. L. CARLETON, TREASURER.

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real Estate.....	\$432,885 00
Personal Estate.....	85,035 00

\$517,920 00

Number of Polls, 278.

Tax on Polls.....	\$ 556 00
Tax on Real and Personal Estate, at \$1.12 per \$100, 5,800 70	
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	\$6,356 70
Amount voted by the town for current expenses, \$1,800 00	
" " " reduction town debt, 800 00	
" " " interest.....	525 00
" " " schools.....	1,150 00
" " " highways.....	700 00
" " " bridges.....	100 00
" " " cemetery.....	50 00
" " " watering trough....	150 00
State tax.....	405 00
County tax.....	440 87
Overlay on taxes.....	235 83
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	\$6,356 70

Selectmen's Valuation of Town Property.

Town Hall and Land.....	\$7,000 00
School Houses and land.....	8,800 00
Lock-up " ".....	500 00
Cemetery.....	500 00
Hearse and House.....	400 00
Fire Apparatus.....	800 00
Gravel Pit.....	50 00
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	\$18,050 00

Financial Condition of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest 5 per. cent.	\$9,500 00
" due the schools.....	5 10
" " the library.....	35 00
" of outstanding orders.....	517 00
" " unsettled bills.....	200 00
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	\$10,257 10

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account,	\$3,079 46
Due for State aid reimbursements.....	386 70
Due from Billerica.....	38 00
Due from North Reading.....	140 00
Due from Peabody.....	12 51
Due from State for corporation tax.....	25 00
Due for Cemetery lots.....	70 25
Due for use of Town Hall.....	3 50
School books on hand.....	102 58
Amount of uncollected taxes of 1879.....	70 00
Amount of uncollected taxes of 1880.....	704 11
Balance against the town.....	5,624 99
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	\$10,257 10
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Decrease in town debt.....	\$328 69

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER, } Selectmen
 JESSE W. PEABODY, } of
 SAMUEL A. FLETCHER. } Middleton.

Middleton, Feb., 23, 1881

The Public Library.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

During the past year there has been a growing interest in reading, if we can judge anything by the number of books taken from the Library and the constantly increasing number of persons availing themselves of its privileges.

A Social Library was organized in Middleton Oct. 26, 1772. The forty-three volumes which now remain of that collection have been presented to Flint Public Library.

Another Library organization was formed in this place in 1838, of which seventy-one volumes are now presented to us.

Hon. Charles L. Flint has given fourteen bound volumes, besides seventy-eight magazines and pamphlets.

As no Supplement has been printed, these books are not yet ready for circulation.

We would here take the opportunity to suggest to our friends that donations of books will be acceptable. We would also solicit selections of books to aid the Trustees in purchasing.

William A. Phelps,
Joseph A. Batchelder,
Ansel P. Tyler,
Samuel A. Fletcher,
James Flint,
Gilman A. Kimball.

} Trustees.

Middleton, Feb. 1st, 1881.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

New books purchased.....	3
Presented by Social Libraries.....	114
Hon. C. L. Flint.....	14
William Weston.....	7
William White.....	4
Director of U. S. Mint. Reports.....	4
Whole number of persons to whom cards have been issued.....	503
Circulation from Feb. 1, 1880, to Feb. 1, 1881.....	9,929
Largest number taken out at one time.....	262
Smallest " " " " " ".....	116

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1881.

TREASURER OF THE FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACCOUNT
WITH THE TRUSTEES.

Received of the Town.....	\$105 00
“ balance of last year.....	7 30
“ from fines and cards.....	14 86
“ sale of catalogues.....	2 50—\$129 66
Paid Librarian's salary, 1 year, ending	
Feb. 1st.....	\$64 00
“ for expressage.....	65
“ “ insurance of books.....	15 00
“ “ repairing books.....	8 28
“ “ library lamp.....	6 50

Paid for kerosene	\$	75
“ “ lamp and chimneys.....		80
“ “ new books.....		5 43
In Treasurer's hands, Feb. 23.....	28 25—	\$129 66

The unexpended balance of Mr. Flint's gift to the town, amounting to \$164.00 with the interest, is in the Danvers Savings Bank.

WM. A. PHELPS, Treasurer.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

*To J. Hovey Eaton, Constable of the Town of
Middleton, in the County of Essex,*

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town, on MONDAY, the Seventh day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 4. To act on the list of Jurors, prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 5. To see what action the town will take concerning the Cemetery.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take in relation to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 7. To see if the town will purchase a road-scraper, and a gravel screen.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the election and compensation of firemen.

ART. 9. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton pond.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money in anticipation of the taxes, as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

ART. 12. To act on the following articles contained in a petition to the selectmen, signed by Augustus Shepard and forty-seven others: 1. To see if the town will provide a suitable place for the protection of the children attending the public schools, from the inclemency of the weather, between the hours of 8 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. during the school terms. 2. To see if the town will reimburse Henry F. White for the expense incurred in repairing the Centre School House door, and to exonerate him from all blame and responsibility in this connection.

ART. 13. On petition of M. E. Tyler and fourteen others, to see if the town will place a lamp over the watering fountain on the Square, and provide some person to take charge of the lamp and light it nights when needed; and make an appropriation for the same.

ART. 14. To act on the following article contained in a petition to the selectmen, signed by Joseph Rhodes and twenty-seven others: To see if the town will place water from the Danvers Works in the Town Hall, and provide pipe and a faucet for the same, and purchase a stove for the ante-room, and make an appropriation for the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, A. D., 1881.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
JESSE W. PEABODY.	
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER.	

